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The Paragraph Fiend.

A divided rope—Europe.
Under the Hill—Ira Davenport.
Couldn't get over that Hill—Davenport.
An overbearing woman—when she has
trips.

A licensed lick'er—Thrashing a muddle
some mother-in-law.

Love's warning cry—"Don't, Jack, you
hurt my vaccination."

When summer beauty fades and dies
The price of coal begins to rise.

The report that Chicago girls use boat
hooks to button their boots with probably
originated in St. Louis.

"Called Back" is the head-line put over
an account of the detention at Hartford of
a cashier on his way to Canada.

This morning Ferdinand Ward begins
work on a government contract that is some-
thing more than imaginary—N. Y. Sun.

The late Josh Billings admitted that he
never succeeded as a writer until he resort-
ed to bad grammar and spelling. It is said
John A. Logan has taken the hint and will
have the great history he is engaged upon
printed exactly as he writes it.

Every man is fond of striking the nail on
the head; but when it happens to be his
finger-nail, his enthusiasm becomes wild
and incoherent.

"Ah, me!" cried the maiden in dismay.
As she dropped the pen from her fingers
"I cannot write to my love to-day." [Paper.
For I haven't a sheet of scarlet paper.]

The Maharajah Duleep Singh is said to
own 17,000 acres of land in England. He
is going to split his name into pickets and
fence in his land.

A newly arrived Irishman, begging em-
ployment, was asked why he left Ireland.
His quick response was: "Sure, an I could
n't bring it along wild me."

Now let us hear no more about this su-
periority of English cheese. Isn't it con-
clusively proved that American "skippers"
are the best?—Yonkers Statesman.

It is now asserted that harpains cause
neuralgic headaches. Gracious! Must the
harpain go? What would a woman do
without harpains?—Dunsmuir Breeze.

It was quickly ended. Said Thomson to
Smith: "I hear Jones called you a liar last
night." "He did." "Well, I hope the mat-
ter didn't end there." "It did though. Some
of Jones's friends grabbed hold of him."

A Chinaman has just published a book
in which he says: "Woman does not re-
quire study to make herself perfect—she is
born perfect. The Chinaman can stay."—
Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

The line that follows W. Shakespeare wrote:
"Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."
Another truth it might be well to note:
Earth has no idiot like a man that's scorned.
—Boston Courier.

"Is land high in Vermont?" asked a spec-
ulator of an old Green Mountain farmer.
"You just bet it is," was the reply. "If the
trees wasn't so stunted the clouds couldn't
get by it."

An anxious inquirer asks: "Where would
you advise me to go to learn how to play
the piano?" To the woods, dear—to the
deep, dark, damp, dank, dangerous, solita-
ry woods.

"Looking at your drawings imbues me
with an artistic fever," remarked Smith to
Miss Lulu. "It ought to; it's sketching,"
by quieted Lulu.—Brooklyn Times.

"What are party lines, papa?"
His answer did not wait:
"They're lines to fish for voters, child,
With tally for a bait."

The Indians of New Mexico are said to
be doing a thriving business in manu-
facturing "ancient" pottery, which they sell to
credulous tourists as relics from the pre-
historic mounds.

Miss Boston (to base ball pitcher)—I was
present at the game this afternoon, Mr.
Homerun, and admired your pitching so
much. Your curves remind me of Ho-
garth's line of beauty. Pitcher (college
club)—Indeed? What nine does Hogarth
pitch for?

A flea may bite a king,
A gnat may tease a lion;
An ant may spoil a custard pie,
And a hornet sting the zion.

WHAT ADAM HAD ON.

"Don't you think," said Mrs. Keener,
"that when Adam realized the vastness of
the world into which he had been ushered
he must have had a great deal on his
mind?"

"Well," responded Mrs. Blunt, "from the
photographs I have seen of him I should
say that whatever he did have on must
have been on his mind.—Yonkers Gaz.

HIS MOTHER SAID SHE WAS SICK.

Stern Father—"Look here, young man,
your teacher tells me you excused yourself
from school by telling her that your moth-
er was sick. What do mean by lying to
your teacher, sir?"

"I didn't lie,"
"Yes, you did. Your mother isn't sick,
and you know it."
"She said she was sick."

"When?"
"Last night. She said she was sick of
having you come home at two o'clock in
the morning with your cuffs on your an-
kles."—Chicago Tribune.

LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS.

In life we meet with joy and woe,
Where'er on earth we go,
A mixture of the good and bad—
Fate wills it shall be so.
Just in the flush of our success
Reverses kill our joy.
Yet few of us have the ups and downs
Of the elevator boy.

RIO TRANSIT.

In rustling showers they are falling down,
The purple and the crimson, gold and brown,
Thick on the ground they lie;
And the lover of beauty beholds with grief
The fluttering fall of the tinted leaf
And the glory of autumn die.

But the true philosopher little grieves
As he watches the fall of the tinted leaves,
And the fields grow brown and sere;
The ruin around him calmly views,
For he knows full well that the autumn-hues
Will be just as rich next year.

"He jests at scars, who never felt a
wound." A man may stand with his hands
in his pockets and laugh at a poor, worn
rheumatic, but if he is a gentleman, he'll
step into the nearest apothecary shop and
buy him a bottle of Salvation Oil at the
small expense of only twenty-five cents.

The Attorney General of Illinois has de-
cided that hard cider is intoxicating, and
persons selling that class of beverages must
take out license.

From Mendota.

The directors of the Mendota Gas Com-
pany held a meeting Wednesday morning
and voted an additional \$1,000 for ex-
perimenting for gas. They intend to utilize
this amount in boring below the Trenton
limestone, and if gas is found it is a sure-
ty that it will be inexhaustible.

Smith's Bell Ringers, who have the op-
era house this week for two nights, are by
all odds the best company we have had
here since the opening of that place of
amusement.

A man, whose name we suppress, and
whose wife was working in Earl, went to
that city lately and made a call upon that
lady. He began a sort of a 4th of July
celebration, by making a target of her,
shooting at her with a revolver. One shot
took effect in her left shoulder, which
produced a serious wound. Mr. J. H. Mills,
constable, did some excellent trailing to
find the escaping would-be assassin, who
fired four shots at short range at Mills,
without effect. Mills was very brave, how-
ever, and caught him. At Aurora, on
their way to Ottawa, Mills and his prisoner
were met at the depot by a pal of the pris-
oner, who represented himself to be the
city marshal of Sandwich, and who invited
Mills to take a drink and played his mar-
shalship so well that the prisoner escaped.
A large reward is offered for his apprehen-
sion. Husband and wife were living sepa-
rate, and the husband had conceived an
unfounded jealousy of her.

John Schuelz, Chas. Madden and Edgar
S. Browne organized in 1884 a *Cleveland-
McDonald* club in this city and invited J.
H. Eckles, of Ottawa, to deliver an address
before that club; yet neither of these three
have been recognized in the new adminis-
tration.

A terrible affair occurred about 6 miles
north of this city, on the Lee county line,
in which Paul Walter, John Walter, Adam
Zink and his 14 year old son were implic-
ated. It was the result of an old feud, and
this last affair commenced in a saloon here,
Paul Walter, the smaller of the two broth-
ers, is fearfully cut and bruised and lying
in bed. Zink is bound over to appear be-
fore the grand jury of Lee county. They
were all drunk, and it will be almost im-
possible to prove whether Zink is the
murderer, or whether Paul Wal-
ter's brother through mistake pounded the
wrong man. Adam Zink and the brothers
had a suit before our courts over a jug of
whisky recently. Mr. Browne, of this city,
has been retained to defend.

Parties from Earl are canvassing the sur-
rounding country with the Bryant trees.
We extend our hearty thanks to the gen-
tlemen of the Mendota Turnverein, for
their courtesy in furnishing us with com-
pulsory for the entertainments at that deligh-
tful place of amusement, the opera house.

Oct. 29.—Miss Carrie Tower and Mr.
John Moore were married last Tuesday
evening at the residence of the bride's par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tower, in this
city.

Co. B, I. N. G., were out on street parade
Monday evening. They made a very mili-
tary appearance. Jacob Rodner was elect-
ed 1st Lieut. vice John Smith resigned,
and Wells Colson 2d Lieut.

A blacksmith employed by R. B. Doggie
melted lead for the purpose of soldering
pipes. He carried the hot lead on Wash-
ington street, and in using the metal an ex-
plosion occurred, striking him in the face
and eyes. The attending physician, Dr. J.
C. Corbus, is apprehensive that a loss of at
least one eye will be the result.

Burglars entered the residence of Mr. S.
Rogers Friday night last, about 2 o'clock
A. M., and succeeded in obtaining a gold
watch and chain belonging to Edgar Rog-
ers. They were frightened away by Mrs.
Jerry Cooper, who had heard them a short
time previous attempting to pick a lock at
their residence, just opposite Mrs. C's.
watched them, and when she discovered
bright light in the Rogers house went out
on the porch in company with her husband
and gave the alarm, yelling "Burglars!"
with all the strength of her voice. There
were three of them, and possibly fearing
detection fled three ineffectual shots di-
rectly at Mr. Cooper, who had gone out in
the street. Of course Mr. C. retreated,
chased by the burglars. Mrs. Cooper's
cries brought the night police, who were
over on Main street.

On the same night burglars entered the
residence of Mr. Geo. Cook, in the 3d ward,
and stole a new overcoat from that gen-
tleman. As yet none of these thieves have
been apprehended. They will no doubt
keep quiet until the excitement dies away,
when they will again proceed to "burgle."
If a man does one mean act, he will do
another.

Mrs. Lucinda Gibson and her vivacious
daughter, Miss Florence, departed for their
home in Emporia, Kansas, Thursday, af-
ter passing a very pleasant visit here among
friends and relatives.

The various religious faiths of the world
are but the tributaries men pay to their reas-
oning powers.

The Congregationalist church of Homer
has bought the old Free Will Baptist
church on Fifth avenue, and will repair
and re-decorate the same for religious wor-
ship. It was recently struck by lightning.
By the way, there are 14 churches in
Mendota.

Miss Mary McNett has left the Hess
English opera troupe, on account of the
hard work, which she felt unable to per-
form. She is pursuing her musical studies
in Chicago.

Miss Agnes L. Love, of Sycamore, and at
one time a teacher in this city, was married
Wednesday evening at the residence of
Mrs. Best, to Louis J. Irish, of Sycamore.
The bride was dressed in a white lace
dress, and the bridesmaid, Miss Jo. Jordan,
in a combination suit of white lace and
satin. Harry Lee acted as groomsmen.
Rev. Mr. Smith, a Rockford divine, per-
forming the ceremony. The newly mar-
ried pair left on the night train for a trip
to Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dow Smith, the latter nee
Miss Swisher, brought their dead baby
from Chicago Sunday last for burial.

Tony Klein, at one time a very popular
boot and shoe man of Mendota, and now
located at Salem, Oregon, in the same bus-
iness, was shaking hands with his numer-
ous friends in Mendota this week.

ROSEBUD.

All in the Line of Nature.

There is nothing in the line of magic or
mystery about that wonderful and popular
medicine, Parker's Tonic. It is simply the
best and most scientific combination possi-
ble of the essential principles of those veg-
etable curatives which act powerfully and
directly on the stomach, liver, kidneys and
blood. But there neither is nor will be any
successful imitation of it. It is all the time
curing those who have despaired of ever
getting well. For yourself, your wife and
children.

What the business of a great newspaper
may amount to is seen by the report of the
estate of William P. Storey, filed in the Cir-
cuit Court of Chicago, showing the receipts
and disbursements of the estate from De-
cember 4, 1884, to September 1, 1885, which
show the receipts and expenses of the *Chi-
cago Times* during the nine months to have
been as follows: Receipts, \$539,807.32;

disbursements, \$486,198.67, making an ex-
cess of receipts of \$53,707.76. This would
make the profits on the year's business
\$71,610.21, or \$6,000 per month, which is a
pretty good showing for a newspaper busi-
ness.

The First Keen Twinge.

As the season advances the pains and
aches which rheumatism makes itself
known are experienced after every expo-
sure. It is not claimed that Hood's Sas-
saparilla is a specific for rheumatism—we
doubt if there is, or can be, such a remedy.
But the thousands benefited by Hood's
Sassaparilla warrant us in urging others
who suffer from rheumatism to take it be-
fore the first keen twinge.

From Lissant.

Elder Blair has been returned to this dis-
trict and commenced his ministerial work
at the M. E. Church last Sabbath.

William Woolworth, formerly of this
place but now of Chatsworth, called on
Wednesday while on his way to Kansas to
look after his real estate interests there.

Charles, George and Henry Spelmire,
from Ford county, have been spending a
few days with their father here, who has
been quite sick with pneumonia.

Harvey Graves and John Ransom have
returned from their Nebraska trip much
elated with the country. Ransom con-
templates selling his farm here and making
that country his future home. Thomas
Berry, of Lost Lands, having heard such
favorable reports, started last week to ex-
plore the great west.

Wm. Riverschelt spent the greater part
of last week in Chicago.

Mrs. Conover returned to Marao after
spending a week with her father, uncle
John Dener.

Adrian McCaleb bade his friends good-
bye and with his wife and daughters start-
ed for his home in Missouri.

The girls say the story about N. Kinzie
only taking life insurance is boys' talk.

Miss Ella McCaleb has commenced a six
months' term at the school house near the
Sandy church.

Wm. Lauf, supervisor from Richland,
was in the village this week.

E. B. Mitchell, new postmaster at
Magnolia, was in town on Monday.

Miss Lena, daughter of Charles Heagle,
is visiting her brother at Sheldon, Iowa.

Thomas Drew, the large hardware and
dry goods merchant of Lissant, imported a
number of hands from La Salle on Mon-
day and commenced building a large ice
store house for butter and eggs.

The stone plague is causing great havoc
among hogs in this part of the county. Ma-
ny large growers are losing all they have.

The weather is delightful at this writing.
Corn picking has commenced and the yield
is bountiful and of good quality.

Such pairing of youngsters in going to
meeting Sunday night is said to be omi-
nous of a cold winter, and strange as it may
seem to those who are acquainted with the
church going habits of the young men, not
one of them who had girls along left before
the close of service.

Regret to have to record another drunk-
en saloon row on Saturday night, the sequel
of the fight being a trial in the police court
Monday and a fine of five dollars against
one of them, while the other carried home
to his wife and large family of little chil-
dren a much bruised and swollen head—
all caused by beer and whisky drinking.

When, oh! when will this liquor traffic
cease that is bringing misery to so many
hamlets throughout the land? ZENAS.

Have used Tongaline extensively in neu-
ralgia and rheumatism. Find it a safe,
easy and efficient remedy. In all cases of
neuralgia or rheumatic pains it seems to
be a specific. C. W. Prindle, M. D., Grand
Rapids, Mich.

Vicinity Items.

Peru and Ransom are to have skating
rinks.

Drunks are assessed \$5 and costs at Peru.
The tax is \$2 higher than that imposed at
La Salle or Ottawa.

Mendotites expect the Salvation Army
in that burg soon. This will be a good op-
portunity for the elder Ruggles, of the
Bulletin, to embrace religion.

The La Salle Land League meeting
brought \$107.50 into the treasury. About
\$200 will be sent to Parnell.

One day last week the remains of the old
Marseilles bridge were sold at public sale
for \$192.

Joliet has a man named John Gross, but
the Joliet chap by that name is not a book
binder. He is a butcher by trade.

One day recently a Dimmick township
farmer signed an agreement to pay 30 cents
for a typewriter of his house, which picture
he never got. The agreement turned up
the other day in the shape of a \$200 note.

Down near Ligon the other day a bunch
of prize sows was decided. Rosella Kin-
g, a girl of 15, got even with Cyrus H.
Sticked by the jury giving her a verdict of
\$1,000 for her blighted affections. The
case occupied six days and 40 witnesses
were examined. It is thought that the de-
fendant will endeavor to induce the plain-
tiff to marry him and by so doing avoid
payment of the verdict.

The Joliet and Northern road, between
Joliet and Aurora and connecting those two
cities, will soon be entirely graded.

A night school has been organized at
Streator, called the "Spare Hour Institute,"
with a membership of 50. Rev. Penhalligan
chief instructor. The graduating course
embraces arithmetic, English grammar,
history, rhetoric, elocution, English gram-
mar, philosophy, physiology, English literature,
zoology, geometry, political economy and
evidences of Christianity. As there are
very little evidences of Christianity in
Streator, this latter study added to the cur-
riculum of the Spare Hour Institute is
highly commendable. The school will be
in session Monday, Wednesday and Friday
nights of each week.

Merchants, Read This.

To those subject to the vexations of busi-
ness life, dyspepsia, and a feeling of lei-
dity, fretfulness and despondency, we say
take "Blumont's" Liver Regulator. This
remedy is unequalled in the cure of piles,
constipation, bad breath, sick headache and
bilious complaints. The Regulator is free
from any injurious mineral substance, not
disagreeable; can be taken at any time
without interfering with business or pleas-
ure. It is gentle, safe and a good digestor.

It is not often that one reads such sensi-
ble words as those of Justice Duffy, of the
Tomb's police court. In New York, who in
sentencing a human brute named "Fidler"
Nery, recently said: "You belong to a
bad class of men. You are of no use to
earth as a bad one. You are of no use to
your fellow beings, and on the whole I
think the best place for you and your class
is in the workhouse. There is your col-
league, John L. Sullivan, of Boston. He
earns—or at least makes—\$30,000 a year,
while law abiding citizens have to toil from
early morn until late at night for one twen-
tieth part of the sum. It is shameful. Your
residence, Fidler, for the next month will
be on Blackwell's Island."

From Ophir.

OPHIR, Oct. 30.—This is beautiful farm
weather. Most all fall work on the farm is
done, and some of the early birds have al-
ready commenced hatching.

The past two weeks have been active
out here with our youngsters, drawing po-
tatoes to the La Salle hub, and the natives
there are just reveling in merriment, due
to Jack Reddick, who is living on the
fat of the land; and, by the way, Jack has
one of the nearest post offices in the state.

E. Robinson, of Dimmick, has his new
residence nearly finished. It is a cosy home
and by all odds the finest in the town.

Homer has a reform club the duty of
whose members is to mind their neighbors
business and neglect their own. One of
them had our saloon keeper indicted, a
man who in every way a gentleman,
while the sneak who complained against
him can't look an honest man in the face.

If I am not greatly mistaken this worthy
will be handled without soft gloves, as
our average citizen don't care to be dragged
before the grand jury every time that body
convenes. We need a saloon, and have a
good one, run by a gentleman who tries to
do all he can to keep things straight, and
most of the citizens will stand by him.

Frank McNally goes to Chicago this week
with his cattle.

Galloway and Zorn are actively engaged
in putting down tile.

Mrs. Robert Peters, of Mo., who has
been here on a visit to her mother for the
past six weeks, has returned home, accom-
panied by her sister Julia.

George Westgate feels happy because he
has become a papa. Mother and daughter
doing well.

The dance given by Alex. Wallace last
week was a success, a good crowd being
present, who indulged in dancing to their
hearts' content. At midnight a splendid
supper was served by Mrs. W., who is a
master hand in that line. In the small
hours all departed vowing they had had a
"boss" time.

McFadden, the great fraud fiddler, gave
an entertainment at the Ridge church on
Saturday evening. My informant says he
proved a complete rascal, just what Pedro
said about him last fall. PEDRO.

Aver's Pills are effectual in a wide range
of diseases which arise from disorders of
the stomach and digestive organs. They
are sugar-coated, easy to take, effective to
operate, sure to bring relief and cure.

From Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, Oct. 30, 1885.

Dr. Eggbert sent to Atlanta, Ga., and pro-
cured two genuine mocking birds. They
do not sing much now and will not until af-
ter the first of January.

The first car load of iron for the new
bridge arrived last Wednesday.

The opera "Lella, or the Fairy Queen,"
given by the Young Ladies' Society of the
Congregational Church, netted about \$33.

It was well rendered. The sale of tickets to the lecture given
at the Rink by Belya Lockwood Nov. 3d was
greater than for any other entertainment
given here in a long time.

About 30 scholars are interested in the
singing school now going on at the Univer-
sity church.

Mrs. Pancoast died last night.

In a letter to the commissioners the
Bridge Company say they will be here next
week to begin operations. The last abut-
ment was completed yesterday.

We should economize at all times, but
more especially when times are close. Ob-
serve the purchases of your thrifty neigh-
bors. More substantial benefits can be ob-
tained from a fifty cent bottle of Dr. Bigelow's
Positive Cure than a dollar bottle of any
other cough remedy. It is a prompt,
safe and pleasant cure for all throat and
lung troubles. Sold and enlarged by E. V.
Griggs.

From Garfield.

GARFIELD, Oct. 30.—Miss Sarah E. Ro-
berts is sick with typhoid fever. Adam Ro-
bertman is sorely afflicted with rheumatism.

J. A. Roberts has charge of his daughter's
school during her inability to attend on
account of sickness.

J. D. Stuart purchased the Fowler resi-
dence in Garfield this week, consisting of 2
lots, a house and other small buildings.

W. D. Winter has his house completed
and has moved in. It is a fine building
and commands a prominent place in the
village. In fact the village is manifesting
a general appearance of thrift seldom seen
during hard times.

Corn gathering is begun and reports are
rife that the yield is much short of antici-
pation, and greatly damaged by rot.

The hog disease has cleaned out the stock
hogs, fat hogs and pigs pretty thoroughly
in this neighborhood. Those that have not
died have been shipped off, so that there will
be scarcely enough left for seed.

DOW.

Mishler's Herb Bitters is prepared by a
physician and chemist of the highest re-
pute, not only in the community in which
he lives, but abroad as well. Mishler's
Herb Bitters is an absolute cure for dys-
pepsia, liver complaint, cramps in the
stomach and every form of indigestion, and
affords almost immediate relief in dysen-
tery, colic, cholera morbus and diseases of
the kidney and bladder.

A decision of great importance has just
been rendered by the Assistant Attorney
General of the Post Office Department.
The decision is to the effect that where a
request to return to the sender, if not deliv-
ered, is written or printed upon a letter or
package, the letter shall be returned but
the matter shall be charged one full rate of
postage, according to the class to which it
belongs. The question came up in New
York. A large firm had sent out a large
number of highly engraved cards to dif-
ferent addresses all over the country. A
request to return in case the letters were
not delivered was printed upon each one.

Many of the cards were returned, the per-
sons addressed not having been found, and
postage was charged up by the New York
office against the firm. The firm protested
that the cards should have been returned
to them free of postage, but the department
has decided against them. Large adver-
tisers through the mails will do well to bear
this decision in mind.

Don't Look Like a Wreck.

"When a man is going down hill every-
body is ready to give him a kick." Yes,
that is so. It is said, but natural. Why,
that is a man and woman, seeking employ-
ment, would have got it if their hair hadn't
been so thin and gray. One bottle of Par-
ker's Hair Balsam is then the best invest-
ment. It stops falling hair, promotes new
growth and restores color. Clean, highly
perfumed, not a dye. A great improve-
ment over any similar preparation and sold
at the low price of 50c.

The Advertiser gives us only four months
longer to live. They announce that the
world will come to an end on the 14th of
May next.

Catarrh Cured

Catarrh is a very prevalent disease, with
distressing and offensive symptoms. Hood's
Sassaparilla gives relief and speedy
cure, from the fact it acts through the blood,
and thus reaches every part of the system.

"I suffered with catarrh fifteen years. Took
Hood's Sassaparilla and I am not troubled any
with catarrh, and my general health is much
better." I. W. LILLIS, Postal Clerk Chicago
& St. Louis Railroad.

"I suffered with catarrh 6 or 8 years; tried
many wonderful cures, inhalers, etc., spend-
ing nearly one hundred dollars without benefit.
I tried Hood's Sassaparilla, and was greatly
improved." M. A. ARBY, Worcester, Mass.

Hood's Sassaparilla is characterized by
three peculiarities: 1st, the combination of
remedial agents; 2d, the proportion; 3d, the
process of securing the active medicinal
strength, effecting cures hitherto unknown.
Send for book containing additional evidence.

"Hood's Sassaparilla tones up my system,
purifies my blood, sharpens my appetite, and
seems to make me over." J. P. THOMPSON,
Register of Deeds, Lowell, Mass.

"Hood's Sassaparilla beats all others, and
is worth its weight in gold." J. BARRINGTON,
130 Bank Street, New York City.

Hood's Sassaparilla
Sold by all druggists. \$1;